

table statistics possible. Note too that the time is short; Brother Miller desires these reports returned to him not later than July 25, therefore do not lay aside the blanks for future consideration, but take the matter in hand at once, fill out the blanks and return as requested.

In his paper on "The Need of a Catechism for the Brethren Church," published in last week's paper, the compositor made Brother Eikenberry say, "But it is our church policy," when he meant to say and so says in the paper, "But it is our church polity." Brother Eikenberry has little faith in "policy," and fearing that the reader might misinterpret him, he asks us to make this correction, which we gladly do.

Brother R. R. Teeter has been re-engaged as pastor of the Milledgeville congregation, not for a year only but for an indefinite length of time. Brother Teeter is right when he says this is a step in advance of "hiring" a minister by the year. There should be a mutual understanding between pastor and people that as long as the relations between them are pleasant and profitable they should continue indefinitely.

Brother B. C. Moomaw in his article, "The Worked Out Salvation," emphasizes a too much neglected truth. It has been the puzzle of many people as to how, if Christ is the author of our salvation and if he alone can save, one can work out his own salvation. Here is a presentation of the subject which the reader will find helpful and interesting, being along a line of thought which to many a one has always been a mystery.

It would seem that Brother Van Buren has Wisconsin all to himself. Well, it is a large field and a promising one but too much for one man. He is doing good work reporting to accessions by relation and two by baptism. More of our preachers would find the "dead line" less appalling to them if they were to walk from 15 to 20 miles per day, at least there would be less dyspepsia among the ministry. A walk by the cool streams and among the stately pines and hemlocks means health for body soul and mind.

From Sodus, Michigan, Brother Haskins writes: "I have gone back to the ground for rest. There is no better physician than mother earth." It is a well deserved rest our brother is taking for he has labored hard, but they only can rest who labor. How can a man rest from his labors when he has not labored? Did the Lord command us to rest one day in seven? So he has commanded us to work six days out of seven. Christ recognized the need of rest, both physical and spiritual. On one occasion he said to his disciples: "Come ye apart and rest awhile."

On page 16 of this issue of the EVANGELIST will be found an advertisement over the name of R. B. Rittenhouse which we hope will interest a number of readers of this paper. The farm he offers for sale is just as represented, and affords a splendid opportunity for members of the Brethren church desiring to locate here to educate their children in Ashland College. We have been personally acquainted with Brother Rittenhouse for more than six years, and we heartily recommend him to our readers as one who will do right by them. Ashland is a splendid market for fruits of all kinds, and besides a most desirable place in which to make your home. We sincerely hope the Brethren will not allow this property to go into the hands of "outsiders" by which we mean those not members of the Brethren church. But why, some one asks, does Brother Rittenhouse

want to sell his property? This is easily answered. He has three boys, ranging from 16 to 21 years of age, in California and they want father and mother there too. This is the only reason why he offers to sell. It will pay you to correspond with Brother Rittenhouse.

Yes, Brother Summers we too regret that too often the spirit of true patriotism which characterized our forefathers is wanting in our Fourth of July celebrations. It is a shame that a more civilized method cannot be found of giving expression to the feelings of patriotism that fills our souls than the noisome fire cracker, the pistol and the cannon. Hundreds of bright young boys are made life cripples and thrown on the charities of the people or lose life altogether thru the heathenish methods of celebration. There are other and better ways of developing the spirit of patriotism in the hearts of young "America," methods which we hope may at some time take the place of the present custom.

One of the Goshen, Indiana, papers gives this notice of the work of the Brethren Mission in that city in charge of Brother Rensch. We are glad to note that these Brethren are "Progressive" in fact. The paper says: Thru the James Freeland agency, the trustees of the Progressive Brethren church, Saturday contracted with Charles E. Thompson, administrator of the estate of Kate Thompson, for the purchase of the lot at the northeast corner of Second and Clinton streets, the consideration being \$800. The deed cannot be executed until October next, as court does not convene until that time. It is the intention of the Progressive Brethren to build a fine church on the lot and work will soon begin on the structure, the plans now being in preparation. For some time past the Progressive Brethren have been holding services on the second floor of the Main street business room. The congregation has increased steadily and is now quite large.

Brother Darling, pastor of the First Brethren church, Pittsburg, Pa., on Sunday evening, June 30, preached a sermon on "Shall We Know Our Loved Ones in Heaven?" He said in part: Many dear friends go over to that haven of rest every year. We have not caught a glimpse of them since we gave them the last fond kiss at the door of immortality. After they are gone, so many questions arise in our minds about them and we wonder if, when we reach that shore beyond the shadow, shall we know them. I believe the Bible answers this question for us. David expected to know the shining form of his little boy in glory. On the Mount of Transfiguration the celestial gates swing open and we recognize Moses and Elias. Jesus gave those sobbing sisters at Bethany a promise that they should see their brother again. We are told that heaven is "our Father's house." How cold the family circle if we did not know each other. Paul comforts us by telling us not to mourn as those that have no hope. Was it not the hope of meeting again that he meant? We have the testimony of the dying. As friends were going down into the valley of shadows, they caught a glimpse of the other shore and recognized loved ones that had preceded them to the silent land. If we will not know each other there death is an eternal separation. We will never see our loved ones again. We could walk a thousand years beside them in that happy place and not know them. Can we believe this? If so, heaven is a place of strangers and our desire to clasp our loved ones in tender embrace over in the better land is visionary.

The Executive Committee has not yet completed its work of preparing a program for conference, and as some days must of necessity elapse before the finished program will be ready for publication, the following *partial* program is submitted with the promise that as soon as possible the final program will be published. The first session will be held August 29, at 2 P. M., and will be devoted to the work of organizing the conference. On Thursday evening the annual sermon will be delivered by moderator, J. H. Knepper.

Friday morning session will be devoted to "Our Educational Interests." A report of Ashland College, by Pres. J. A. Miller. Announcement of the plans of the Board. Addresses by J. A. Miller and J. M. Tombaugh, and a paper on "The Christian College" by E. L. Hildebrand will occupy the morning session.

For the session devoted to publishing interests of the church, topics have been assigned as follows: The Church Paper in the Home, R. R. Teeter; Our Sunday-school Literature, Roger E. Darling; The Tract and its Mission, P. M. Swinehart; Christian Literature as a Factor in the Religious World, A. D. Gnagey.

Saturday will be "Mission Day." The morning session will be given to reports of officers of the National Mission Board, and reports on the State of the work in Washington, Chicago and Dayton. The afternoon session will be devoted wholly to Foreign Missions and the officers of the Foreign Mission Society will furnish the program. Special topics assigned for Mission Day are: Home Missions, Z. T. Livengood and G. W. Rensch; Foreign Missions, J. C. Mackey, W. D. Furry; Missionary Lessons from Other Religious Bodies, L. S. Bauman.

On Sunday E. E. Haskins will preach in the morning. J. O. Talley will deliver an address at 3:30 and S. H. Bashor will preach in the evening.

Among the topics assigned for Monday are: "The Standard of Appeal in Religious Thought," W. C. Perry; The Apostolic Church, C. F. Yoder; Our Problem in the City and its Solution, J. C. Braker. How and When to Change Pastorates, I. D. Bowman; The Sunday-school as a Factor in Religious Work, J. F. Koontz; Some Needed Reform in Sunday-school Work, D. J. Bole and L. W. Ditch; How May Our Churches be Supplied With Worthy Pastors, J. L. Gillin.

J. Allen Miller will give a Bible reading at the opening of each session. Morning and evening prayer meetings will be arranged for. A full program will be published soon.

Among the topics for the S. S. C. E., the following are submitted in the partial program,—Glorifying God in S. S. C. E. Work, Etta Gillin; Dodging Responsibility, Sister Mackey; Cultivating the Grace of Giving in the S. S. C. E., Ellen Gnagey Lichty; S. S. C. E., and the College, Sarah Keim; Theological Chair, Laura Hedrick; God's Building Material, Helen Frame.

(Papers limited to 800 or a thousand words.)

Now let those whose names appear on this program get to work at once in preparation of that which has been assigned them. There is not much time left and it behooves us therefore to make the very best possible use of what is left us for preparation. It is inexcusable to bring to this conference anything but the best you have. This will be the first conference in the new century and we should make a record of which we need not be ashamed; to do this no time is to be lost. Do not forget the date, Thursday, August 29. Conference will continue over Sabbath. All delegates should remain till the close.